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Smokejumper Obituary

Nelson, Stephen Paul (Grangeville 1958)

Paul, 78, died January 31, 2018. He grew up in Clinton, Oklahoma. After losing his father at age 12, he worked many jobs helping support his mother and younger siblings.

Paul served in the Air Force as a jet engine specialist and mechanic 1962-66. Following his time in the service, he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. Paul then worked off shore gas and oil rigs in many foreign and domestic locations. Paul jumped at Grangeville during the 1958-59 seasons.

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